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Two departments in which the JOURNAL stands quite alone are (1) the *Record of Discoveries*, and (2) the *Summaries of Periodicals*. In the former, a detailed account is given of all discoveries and excavations in every portion of the civilized world, from India to America, especial attention being paid to Greece and Italy. In order to ensure thoroughness in this work, more than sixty periodical publications are consulted, and material is secured from special correspondents.

In order that readers may know of everything important that appears in periodical literature, a considerable space is given to careful summaries of the papers contained in the principal periodicals that treat of Archæology and the Fine Arts. By these various methods, all important work done is concentrated and made accessible in a convenient but scholarly form, equally suited to the specialist and to the general reader.

PROGRAM OF VOLUME V, 1889.

We are glad to announce that the Journal has been made the official organ of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and will thus be enabled to publish a large part of the results of the excavations so brilliantly carried on during the last two years at Thorikos, Sikyon, and Ikaria. Also, Dr. Charles Waldstein has promised a paper on his important discovery, among the recent finds on the Akropolis, of the head of Iris belonging to the slab of divinities from the eastern frieze of the Parthenon, which is in the British Museum. The report of the excavations at Ikaria will include papers on the architectural remains of the shrines of Dionysos and Apollon, the inscriptions, the archaic warrior-slab, the sepulchral stelai, and other pieces of sculpture of different periods. In view of recent acquisitions, especially by the Baltimore branch of the Archæological Institute, there will be articles, by Dr. Hartwig and others, on a collection of black- and red-figured vases signed by well-known Greek artists, such as Nikosthenes, Xenokles, Epiktetos, Duris, Philtias. The series of papers by Messrs. Clarke and Emerson on Greek antiquities in Southern Italy, already promised, has been delayed, but will soon be commenced.

One change in the present arrangement, to be begun in volume v, will undoubtedly be welcomed by our readers. Up to the present, the book-reviews have not been numerous: it is now proposed to carry out the principle followed in the NEWS and the SUMMARIES: that is, to give a condensed view of the entire field by printing in each issue a large number of notices of the most important books recently published, under the headings, *Oriental, Classical, Christian, Renaissance,* and *Prehistoric Archæology.*

The various series commenced in past volumes will be continued: such as those by Dr. Wm. Hayes Ward on Oriental Antiquities, by MM. Müntz and Frothingham on Christian Mosaics. Dr. Ward will publish some Hittite Sculptures; an inedited archaic Babylonian cylindrical object from Urumya; and a paper on the so-called "human sacrifices" on Babylonian cylinders: Mr. Talcott Williams, a note on the Arch of Chosroes. Professor A. C. Merriam will review the late discoveries in Greek Epigraphy, and M. Ernest Babelon the latest publications and discoveries in Numismatics.

The present policy of making the JOURNAL a complete record of contemporary archæological work, by its correspondence, book-reviews, news, and summaries, will be continued.

NOTICES.

London Athenæum.—We have no hesitation in saying that no other periodical in the English language is so well fitted to keep the student who lacks time or opportunity to read all the foreign journals abreast of the latest discoveries in every branch of archæology.

Göttingische Gelehrte Anzeigen.—No comprehensive account of the most recent discoveries exists, and the new American Journal can do most meritorious work and fill a deficiency which, since the time of Gerhard's death, has been often deplored by every archæologist who had not the good fortune to be at the fountain-heads.

Philologische Rundschau.—We may expect that the American Journal of Archæology will take an honorable position by the side of those already existing in Europe.

Bibliothèque de l'École des Chartes.—As we think it (the American Journal of Archæology) is called upon to render real service, not only in the United States, but in Europe and in France, we take pleasure in announcing it here. The plan is vast and well conceived.

Archivio di Letteratura Biblica ed Orientale (Turin).—Periodicals are divisible into three categories: some have no pretensions to be classed as learned; some pretend to be but are not so in reality; others, finally, pretend to be and really are. The periodical which we announce (*The American Journal of Archæology*) belongs to the last category.

New York Evening Post.—The American Journal of Archæology will not disappoint the hopes of the friends of the science in America. If not well supported, it will be because there is little real interest in America in classical and mediæval archæology.

Chicago Evening Journal.—*The American Journal of Archæology* is alike creditable to the country and to the earnest and scholarly gentlemen who have it in charge, and we are pleased to know that it has already achieved an enviable reputation in Europe.

London Academy.—Mr. J. S. Cotton, at the annual meeting of the Egypt Exploration Fund (London, Dec. 22, 1887), referred to the *American Journal of Archæology* and the *American Journal of Philology*, which he defined as being of a higher order of merit than any publications bearing similar titles in Great Britain.

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